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In re Application of:

David Kessler, et al

ANTI-ALIASING LOW-PASS BLUR  
FILTER FOR REDUCING  
ARTIFACTS IN IMAGING  
APPARATUS

Serial No. US 08/770,381

Filed 25 October 1999

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 12, 2000, please amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

**In the Claims:**

4. (Twice Amended) An imaging apparatus for generating an image signal from incident light with higher spatial frequencies of said incident light limited to reduce undersampling artifacts, said apparatus comprising:  
an image sensor for generating the image signal from an array of photosites;

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an optical section having a birefringent uniaxial crystal spatial filter interposed in a path of the incident light which removes a portion of said high spatial frequencies in said incident light to produce a blurred image on said photosites, said birefringent uniaxial crystal [optical] spatial filter being Lithium Tantalate; and

wherein said spatial filter is comprised of a first plane plate and at least a second plane plate of lithium [niobate] tantalate.